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Queanbeyan pound reopens after major upgrades

Hundreds of people turned out on Saturday 27 September to celebrate the newly upgraded Queanbeyan pound (Animal Management Facility) at its Open Day. Visitors enjoyed coffee, a barbecue, and stalls from ARF ACT Rescue and Foster, Kip Canberra Pet Boarding and Dog Training, The Dowg Studio, and more. Council's information packs, filled with handy resources, giveaways and discounts, proved so popular they quickly ran out.

In October 2024, the Queanbeyan Animal Management Facility, was closed due to a serious outbreak of canine parvovirus, which had devastating results. In November 2024, council resolved to carry out critical works estimated at \$587,500.

These works included demolition, general waste removal, clearance and cleaning of the facility (internal and external), internal mesh, fencing removed to enable tree

and soil removal, installation of drain grates to pens and yards, install underground sewer lines and connect to existing stormwater. Erect new fencing and gates, constructed of security mesh, install 2 x basic animal quarantine shelters and concrete to areas with fall to drainage.

The report stated that having a dedicated, council-owned facility was essential to meet obligations under the NSW Companion



Animals Act 1998, as reliance on external kennels was not sustainable. These works would reduce the risk of future infectious outbreaks.

With the centre being closed, the opportunity to address other improvements in the operations of the centre were addressed. These included the provision of a badly needed meet and greet space for dogs meeting potential new owners, provision of an acoustic style fencing to boundary to address noise complaints and the revision of internal fencing and provision of solid internal fencing to enclosures to reduce noise.

QPRC's Manager of Environment

Compliance, Mel Corey said on the day, "we are very grateful for the assistance of other facilities while we were closed. These improvements have made a huge difference on how the facility operates."

For more information on the facility head to <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Find-Animals-For-Sale-Adoption-and-Lost-Pets>

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Left: the entire facility has been upgraded, with the new meet and greet area a huge improvement where potential new owners can now meet the dogs in a safe, secure and relaxed area.



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Melbourne comedy duo thrill families these school holidays at The Q

Following the success of Trash Test Dummies Circus in April and Mr Snotbottom in July, The Q - Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre is proud to present Jon & Jero: **STUFF!** these October school holidays, for the whole family to enjoy.

STUFF! is an interactive comedy experience for the whole family with two of Melbourne's goofiest performers, Jon & Jero. This high-energy hour of silly proportions combines physical comedy, characters, music, improvisation and most importantly, **STUFF!**

The show follows the story of two bumbling brothers who fall prey to a robber who has stolen all their stuff and they need help figuring out how to get it back. Audiences will join them on an epic journey

across strange and wonderful lands to achieve what the two brothers couldn't do alone.

The Q's Artistic Director Jordan Best was "all in" when the chance to program this comedy duo came up. "Jon and Jero are absolute comedy pros - I've loved catching their hilarious grown-up shows at the Adelaide Fringe over the years." Best has been thrilled seeing the other side of this duo's talent, mentioning that it has "been such a fun switch-up seeing their brilliance turned loose for a younger crowd!"

Jon & Jero have been performing at festivals across Australia since 2016, with a deep passion for engaging kids in a meaningful way and developing works which empower children to have creative

control - ensuring that they're not performing at the kids, but with them!

This delightful adventure, described as "an extremely fun hour of entertainment for all ages" (★★★★★ Lilithia Reviews) and "a laugh riot for kids and parents" (★★★★★ The Au Review), explores themes of friendship, hopefulness, exploration and connection, all wrapped together with a healthy sprinkle of imagination on top.

For the enjoyment of anyone from the age of 5 and up, **STUFF!** is full of playful and quirky moments sure to bring joy to anyone, big or small!

To book your tickets head to <https://theq.net.au/>

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First outdoor pool in the region now open

The outdoor pool at the Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre is gearing up to welcome visitors with the summer season kicking off last Saturday 4 October.

Thanks to the hard work of council staff, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is excited to open the outdoor pool for summer 2025/26, the first outdoor pool to open for the summer season in the ACT and surrounding area.

'Our team has been working tirelessly to ensure the pool is ready for swimmers, families, and fitness enthusiasts to enjoy all summer long,' said Mayor Kenrick Winchester.

The outdoor pool will remain open until Thursday 2 April 2026, coinciding with Easter.

Operating hours are as follows:

Mondays to Fridays:
5:30am to 8:00pm

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Whether it's early-morning laps, weekend family outings, or holiday relaxation, Queanbeyan's outdoor pool is the perfect spot for summer fun with friends and family.

For more information about entry fees and programs, visit qprcaquatics.com.au

Police appeal for public assistance in arson attack

Monaro Police

Police are appealing for public assistance as they investigate Arson at a business in Bungendore

About 3am on Tuesday 16 September 2025, a person of interest entered a business in Bungendore and stole an amount of money. The same Person of

Interest has poured fuel on a neighbouring business and ignited the fuel. The Person of interest returns and breaks open a door and lights a second fire which causes extensive damage to the business. The Person of Interest is described as having long black hair, Caucasian in appearance, thin build, 180cm tall and a distinctive jacket.



As inquiries continue, police are appealing to anyone who may recognise this person to contact Crime stoppers 1800 333 000 or Queanbeyan Police on 62980599. Please quote police report number E103994888.

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Community News

Royalla Quarry proposal sparks fierce community opposition

Plans for a major quarry at Royalla has raised serious concerns with residents, council and local MP's.

The Monaro Rock Quarry site comprised of several lots located at 1738 and 1995 Old Cooma Road. The project is classified as State Significant Development and will be determined by a delegate of the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

The proposed quarry would see 31 million tonnes of rhyodacite rock extracted over 35 years from land on Old Cooma Road, just near the ACT border. The operation would include on-site processing facilities, a concrete batching plant, an asphalt plant, and a new heavy-vehicle access road linking directly to the Monaro Highway.

Residents voiced their concerns at the council meeting held Wednesday 24 September. The council report warned that residents on Monaro Station Road and Mates Drive could face significant noise while the highway connection is built and has called for strict limits on when heavy vehicles can use local roads. It also strongly objects to the developer's plan for 5am truck movements, including Saturdays, instead recommending a 7am start to protect neighbourhood amenity.

Visual impacts are also a concern, with a proposed three-metre-high acoustic wall likely to change the rural landscape. Council has requested more detail on how this

wall will be designed. Questions have also been raised about the site's drinking water supply, effluent disposal, and the long-term management of road access.

A Voluntary Planning Agreement has been put forward by the proponent, offering a contribution of 12.5 cents per tonne of extracted rock to support community projects in Royalla, Fernleigh Park and Googong.

Council resolved to object the proposal for the reasons tabled in Council's supplementary submission on the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry. Council also requested a public hearing be conducted as part of the assessment and noted the key matters raised in the report which have been included in a technical submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry.

NSW Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, has also lodged a submission outlining serious concerns about the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry project. While acknowledging the regional need for quarries to supply materials for construction, Mr Whan said the current proposal raises significant issues for local residents, traffic safety, and the environment.

One of the chief concerns relates to heavy vehicle movements. The quarry is expected to connect

with the Monaro Highway in the ACT via a new intersection, but Mr Whan warned that the highway is already under heavy pressure, particularly during the winter ski season, and questioned the adequacy of traffic counts taken in 2021 during COVID disruptions. He said truck numbers proposed by the proponents appear very high and could create safety risks. Importantly, he stressed that Old Cooma Road must never be used for quarry truck traffic, describing this condition as non-negotiable. He also called for careful consideration of the railway crossing, given strong proposals to convert the disused line into a popular rail trail.

Mr Whan also highlighted the proximity of the quarry site to rural residential properties at Royalla. He questioned the reliability of the noise assessment provided, pointing to experiences with other quarries where noise travels kilometres from the source. Residents, he said, are also worried about vibration and dust impacts.

Environmental concerns were also raised, including potential harm to endangered woodland and Aboriginal cultural heritage on the site.

NSW Nationals Upper House member Nichole Overall has reiterated her support for the community campaign opposing the proposed Royalla quarry, pledging

to continue raising the matter in Parliament.

"Hundreds of residents and concerned citizens have made submissions, spoken out, and taken a stand on this, and as I have done previously, I continue to back them in that," Mrs Overall said.

She highlighted concerns including “a dramatic escalation in heavy truck movements on local roads, exposure to silica dust, blasting, industrial-level noise disruption, and the threat to native vegetation,” questioning the project’s necessity when “existing quarries - four within a radius of 30km - continue to meet long-term demand.”

Mrs Overall emphasised that “this is not anti-development - it’s responsible community advocacy,” adding, “people are standing up for sensible planning, safety, and sustainability. They deserve to be heard and supported at every level of government.”

She noted ACT Liberal MLA Mark Parton had also spoken against the project and said she will continue to push for “full and transparent scrutiny” and consider “the prospect of a public inquiry.”

To read the business papers,
minutes or view the council
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Remembrance Day Commemoration 2025: Bungendore

Part 1 - Australia in the Korean War

The surrender of Japan on 2 September 1945 end 35 years of Japanese occupation of the Korean Peninsula, this led to the division of Korea into two countries, which were officially called the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the Republic of Korea (ROK). The DPRK was backed by the Soviet Union, and the ROK, below the 38th Parallel, was backed by the United States.

Failed attempts at unification of the country saw North Korea invaded the South on 25 June 1950. The United Nations (UN) called a resolution to protect South Korea from further aggression and occupation. The Australian government led by Prime Minister Robert Menzies immediately responded to the resolution and offered military assistance.

The North Korean People's Army (KPA) had captured Seoul and was moving towards the strategic port of Pusan. On 15 September, UN forces led by US General MacArthur landed at Inchon near Seoul, cutting off KPA troops and supply lines and on 18 September, re-

captured Seoul. Australia entered the Korean War on 28 September 1950 with the arrival of 3 Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR) in Pusan. UN forces had begun their advance into North Korea and 3 RAR were involved in its first major action near Pyongyang in the Battle of Yongyu on 22 October 1950.

Battle of Kapyong

In November 1950 a larger number of Chinese troops, the People's Volunteer Army (PVA), entered the Korean War in support of the North. The PVA were successful in driving the UN forces south of the Han river with Seol being evacuated in January 1951. A counter offensive by the US 8th Army was successful in retaking Seol in March 1951. However, intelligence indicated that the Chinese were massing their forces for another major offensive.

In April 1951, the PVA launched their spring offensive with the aim of retaking Seoul. They quickly overran South Korean forces defending the major approaches, the Kapyong valley. ROK soldiers poured through a gap under protective covering fire from Australians who were

holding their section of the line despite heavy pressure.

Australian troops from 3 RAR, and Canadian troops were ordered to halt this PVA advance. The initial PVA attack at Kapyong engaged 3 RAR on Hill 504. The PVA then struck at the Canadian front. Continued assaults by the PVA kept up throughout the night of 23 April. A Company, 3 RAR was thought to have be wiped out in this action as radio contact had been lost until the next day.

The fighting eventually devolved into hand-to-hand combat with bayonet charges. Late on 24 April the Australians position became untenable, facing encirclement they were ordered to make an orderly fall back to new defensive positions late in the day of 24 April.

During the withdrawal of the Australians, 4 men from B Company, 3RAR, formed a rearguard to hold off any flanking attacks. The four Australians held off three waves of PVA soldiers, killing at least 25 and wounding many more.

After two days and two nights of fighting, the Australians had recaptured their positions, at the cost of 32 men killed and



AUS 1 RAR AND 3 RAR IN THE BATTLE OF KAPYONG

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53 wounded. For this contribution of stalling the PVA advance, 3 RAR received a United States Distinguished Unit Citation.

By dawn the PVA attack on the Canadian position had abated, and in the afternoon of 25 April the road through to the Canadians had been cleared of PVA, at which time they were relieved.

Australian troops were involved in the Battle of Maryang San in October 1951 which successful prevent the PVA/KPA from interdicting UN supply lines

near Seoul.

Digging in and Armistice

After 1951 the Korean war became a stalemate with both sides living in tunnels, redoubts, and sandbagged forts behind barbed wire fortifications. Several nations grew less willing to contribute more ground troops, and after many negotiations an armistice was signed on 27 July 1953 and a Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) along the 38th Parallel was formed which is still in place today.

About 17,000 Australians served in Korea in between 1950 and 1953, with casualties numbering about 340 dead and over 1200 wounded.

Please join the Bungendore War Memorial Committee for the Remembrance Day Commemoration, on Tuesday 11th November commencing at 1030 at the Bungendore War Memorial on Mick Sherd Oval.

Bungendore War Memorial Committee

QPRC: agenda for meeting 8 October 2025

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 8 October 2025, commencing at 5.30pm, Braidwood National Theatre 100 Wallace Street, Braidwood.

Presentations for items listed on the Agenda can be made in writing, via Zoom or in person. A live stream of the meeting can be viewed at: <http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au>

Reports To Council - Items for Determination

- 9.1 Finalisation of Planning Proposal to Reclassify 88 Wallace and 41 Ryrie Streets Braidwood from Community to Operational Land and Rezone Part of Council Depot and Part of 88 Wallace Street
- 9.2 Renewal of 88 Wallace Street and New Braidwood Carpark - Concept Design
- 9.3 Renaming of Ballalaba Bridge, Alma Bridge
- 9.4 Supplementary Submission on Modification

- to State Significant Development - Barina Quarry
- 9.5 Petition Matthews Lane Bungendore
- 9.6 DA.2025.0298 - Construction of a building ancillary to recreation area - 15 Halfway Creek Road Bungendore
- 9.7 DA.2025.0188 - Construction of a facility ancillary to recreation area - Freebody Recreation Reserve 71 Richard

- Avenue, Queanbeyan
- 9.8 Memorial for Jim Snow
- 9.9 Special Rate Variation Report - Year 1
- 9.10 Post Exhibition Report - Naming of Bungendore Community Centre
- 9.11 QPRC Code of Meeting Practice 2025 Draft for Public Exhibition
- 9.12 Delegations to the General Manager
- 9.13 Post-Exhibition Policy

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Reports To Council - Items for Information

- 10.1 Councillor Workshops
- 10.2 LGNSW Cost Shifting Report 2025 Advocacy - Minister Response

Reports Of Committees

- 11.1 Minutes of the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery - 8 September 2025
- 11.2 QPRC Heritage

Advisory Committee Minutes 11 September 2025

- 11.3 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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The Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School proudly entered three teams at this year's ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships, joining 467 riders from 36 schools in a huge day of racing, collectively completing 1361 laps (8220 km—the distance to Hawaii or across Antarctica).

Our Junior Boys - Supreme Picklers completed 9 laps to finish 41st overall, a solid effort in a large competitive field. The Senior Boys -

Handlebar Heroes also secured 41st place, with Alex improving his lap speed from last year and Fred and Nate riding strongly throughout the day.

The standout result came from our Junior Girls - Mud Maidens, who overcame setbacks to claim an impressive 3rd place. Congratulations to all BHS riders for their determination, teamwork, and outstanding representation of our school.

The Stage 5 Agriculture students had a special

guest at the school recently. Young Prince Woolliam the crossbred ram lamb was unfortunately abandoned by his mother which meant he needed to be bottle fed. Heidi Dodd of Year 8 has diligently provided his regular round-the-clock feedings to support his growth and welfare.

To assist her, Stage 5 Agriculture were more than happy to have Prince Woolliam visit during the school day so they could

take the day shift in mixing up warm milk bottles for the cute new member of the BHS community, giving our students a fantastic learning opportunity.

We are also thrilled to announce that Year 9 student, Jack Djokic, has been selected to represent NBA Basketball School Australia as part of the U15 team competing in the upcoming international tournament in Abu Dhabi in October.



This is a remarkable achievement. Selection for an NBA Basketball School team is highly competitive, with nationwide trials identifying the most talented young athletes across Australia.

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Nominations now open for 2026 Australia Day Awards

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is calling for nominations for Australia Day Awards 2026.

‘Every Australia Day we recognise the many ordinary people who do extraordinary things to help others and make Queanbeyan-Palerang the amazing place that it is,’ said Mayor Kenrick Winchester.

‘This year, we have two additional categories, adding Senior Citizen of the Year and Community Organisation of the Year awards. These awards will be presented alongside the Young Citizen of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Community Event of the Year.’

‘Awards will be presented at ceremonies in Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat, and Queanbeyan on Australia Day in January 2026.’

‘We have so many brilliant individuals and organisations that make our community such a great place to live. Who in your community should be recognised for the efforts they put in?’

‘We had some inspiring stories last year, such as Majorie Lemin the Citizen of the Year in Braidwood who was recognised for her service to the community including leadership of the Braidwood Book Fair, and Anthony Rayner, Bungendore’s Citizen of the Year,



who shows quiet dedication and selflessness, particularly as part of the Bungendore Tigers.

‘Or in Queanbeyan, where Jerikye Williams was the Young Citizen of the Year for his work with music and young First Nations People, who inspires young people to stay in school and work hard to achieve their goals. While you’re thinking about who to nominate, I encourage you to read about all last year’s winners on our website.’

‘The nomination process is simple, just complete the online form on Council’s website by Monday 1 December 2025.’

Eligibility for the awards:

- Nominees must be Australian citizens.
- Young Citizen Award is for people aged between 16 and 30 years.
- The Citizen Award is for people aged between 31-65.
- The Senior Citizen is for people aged over 65.

• Those who have previously won an Australia Day Award are not eligible to be considered for nomination in the same category again. Those who have previously been nominated, but have not received an Award, are eligible to be nominated again.

Find further eligibility details and the nomination forms at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Australia-Day-Awards

Photos supplied of 2025 Captains Flat recipients (above) and Bungendore recipients (left).

Should you pay off the mortgage quicker - or invest?

by Phil Harvey

One of the most common questions I hear is: “Should we throw extra money at the mortgage, or invest it instead?”

For many families in their 40s, this tug-of-war is the biggest wealth decision they wrestle with. Let me show you how Bandit and Chilli look at it – and why the “right” answer often surprises.

Meet Bandit & Chilli (again)

Bandit is 42, earning \$260,000 a year. Chilli is 40, making \$140,000. Together they bring in \$400,000. They live in a home worth \$1.4 million, with a \$400,000 mortgage.

They’ve got \$700,000 in super and \$120,000 in their offset account. Every month, they can comfortably set aside \$5,000.

Scenario 1 - Pay off the mortgage

The benefits of paying extra into the mortgage are:

1. Guaranteed return. Every dollar extra saves the mortgage interest rate – say 5% – tax-free.
2. Psychological comfort. Seeing the loan shrink feels safe and satisfying.
3. Less debt risk. In market downturns, no one can take away the security of a smaller mortgage.

Suppose Bandit and Chilli direct \$5,000/month to extra repayments instead of investing. In a little over 5 years, their mortgage would be gone – and they’d own their home outright. That’s huge peace of mind.

Scenario 2 - Invest outside super

By investing the benefits are:

1. Higher likely return - Long term returns of 8-10% (or higher) are reasonable to expect with a well-diversified portfolio. The kicker here, is this is not guaranteed.

2. Personal growth - You shift from saver to investor, which brings real satisfaction once your investments outweigh your mortgage.

Suppose they invest the \$5,000/month in Chilli’s name (she is in the lowest tax bracket), after 13 years (when Bandit is 55), they would have about \$1.1 million with an 8% return.

Scenario 3 - Invest it in Super

If instead of investing in Chilli’s name they invest this \$5,000/month into Super they would save around \$150,000 in tax.

They’ve put in the same amount, into the same asset – but inside super it grows to \$1.25m instead. This is why financial advisers always go on about Super, because it is the easiest way to minimise tax.

The downside is Bandit can’t access his Super for another 5 years.

The Bottom Line

Paying down debt is comforting. But with strong incomes and a long time horizon, investing is the path to real wealth and financial freedom.

Investing through Super is by far the most tax effective way to invest and will leave you with a significantly higher net worth. The downside is it can’t be accessed until you meet certain conditions of release, most notably that you turn 60.

For families like Bandit and Chilli, the smartest move isn’t choosing just one scenario. It’s combining all three, and even adding strategies like debt recycling to boost tax efficiency.

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Community News

QPRC council meeting summary: Wednesday 24 September 2025

QPRC
Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 24 September 2025.

The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0924.php>

- Council heard from 10 members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda including the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry, Barina Quarry, proposed Memorial Artwork of Nellie Hamilton, and Guidelines for Referral of Development Applications to Council.
- Council objected to the State Significant Development Application for the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry and will request that a public hearing be conducted as part of the assessment of the application. Council noted key matters raised in a supplementary report which have been included in a technical submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on the proposed quarry
- Council noted key matters in a report included in a technical submission to Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure on the Barina Quarry Modification and accepted the Department's offer to receive a supplementary Council submission to be considered the 8 October Council meeting
- Council endorsed the concept of the installation of a life-size bronze sculpture of Nellie Hamilton at the Nellie Hamilton Centre in Queanbeyan, will refer the proposal to the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for their oversight and recommendations and to the First Nations Network.
- Council adopted the Guidelines for Referral of Development Applications to Council and Independent Assessment of Development Applications with an amendment to Part A, 5 which will read 'Where the application relates to a Heritage Item and the Heritage Advisor or QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee is

- not supportive of the proposal, and the officer is recommending approval
- Council authorised the General Manager to engage a real estate agent for the sale of 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore and will consider an investment of profits from any sale for a community infrastructure project in Bungendore
- Council approved a Cultural Grant of \$2,970 to Create Collaborative Collective Inc. towards costs for a Makers, Music and Murals event during the QPRC Arts Trail 2025
- Council appointed Thomas Jordan, Mary Boyle, Laurence Kennedy and Andrew Mathieson as community members on the Queanbeyan Flood Risk Management Committee
- Council received investment report for August 2025, noting return of \$1,370,722
- Council endorsed policies for public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> including Mobile Food Vending, Corporate Sponsorship, Debt Recovery, Financial Hardship, Investment, Sustainable Procurement and Contracts, and Street Verge Maintenance
- Council received information report about liquor licence application for Scrumpers Kitchen at 23 Malbon Street, Bungendore
- Council received information report about Councillor workshops on 17 September including 202-212 Crawford Street Traffic Management Plan and Business Support, Monaro Rock Quarry Council Submission, QSTP and ACT Planning/Heritage Matters
- Council noted minutes of the Bungendore Town Centre & Environs Committee meeting on 18 Aug 2025 and will report on actioning the 2019 Bungendore heritage study, and report on potential grant funding for a youth hub; both in accordance with the 2024 Bungendore Place Plan
- Council noted minutes of the Braidwood Floodplain Risk Management Committee on 3 June 2025
- A notice about publishing EPA advice in communications relating to solid fuel heaters,

- and directly advising complainants that they can record woodsmoke to support complaints was declined
- Council received information report from the Country Mayors Association of NSW General Meeting held on 8 August 2025
- In closed session, Council engaged Project Pty Ltd as project verifier for Monaro Street Upgrade project for estimated amount of \$463,243
- In closed session, Council endorsed preparing plans and lodging DA for subdivision of 1241 Old Cooma Road, Googong into 5 Lots, funding costs from property reserve to be repaid when property is sold. Council will receive report back when subdivision is completed to determine sale options, provide notice to Lessee that Council will be selling property

If you'd like more information about these matters, you can find the business papers and minutes on our website at: <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council-meetings>

Gibraltar Street corner block to be sold

- Council resolved to:
1. Authorise the General Manager to engage a real estate agent for the sale of 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.
 2. Consider an investment of profits from any sale for a community infrastructure project in Bungendore.

The resolution was carried.
For: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Taskovski, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Schweikert, Waterhouse and Willis

A council spokesperson has confirmed that Ray White Bungendore will be managing the sale of 19 Gibraltar Street. They were appointed in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.

Sharon Baxter-Judge



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Quilting Creativity on Display in the Arts Trail

Kirrilly Gregerson
Queanbeyan Quilters Member

The Queanbeyan Quilters Inc. are once again opening their studio doors as part of the 2025 Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail, inviting the community to experience the vibrant world of quilting on Saturday 18th October from 10am to 4pm at the Letchworth Community Centre.

Following a successful debut in last year's Arts Trail, the group is excited to return, showcasing not only their creative talents but also the welcoming spirit that defines their community. In fact, last year's open studio inspired the group

to begin hosting local quilting retreats – a tradition that has since flourished.

Founded in 1984 by a small group of passionate needlewomen, Queanbeyan Quilters has grown into a thriving collective of around 40 members, including a few enthusiastic juniors. The group meets regularly to stitch, share ideas, and support one another in a friendly, inclusive environment. New members and visitors of all ages and genders are always welcome.

During the open studio, visitors can:

- Meet members and see what

they're currently working on

- Browse and purchase handmade quilts and fabric items
- Explore the group's creative home at the Letchworth Community Centre

And for those who want even more quilting inspiration, mark your calendars for the **Queanbeyan Quilters Biennial Exhibition, held from 10-12 April 2026** – a celebration of textile artistry not to be missed!

For more about the group, visit queanbeyanquilters.org.au

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“You are one, know one or will be one. Caring is everywhere”

This is the theme for National Carers Week 12th - 18th October. There are many unacknowledged caregivers in our community. People become caregivers in different ways. Sometimes it begins gradually, as is often the case with dementia. Other times it occurs suddenly as a result of a crisis. Regardless of how it happens, most carers accept the role as something they should do.

The Bungendore Dementia Alliance will be celebrating all those who are caring for a family

member or friend with dementia with a special at 10.00 on Monday 20th October at the Bungendore School of Arts.

There are approximately 30,500 carers in NSW looking after people with dementia. They are partners, children, friends, and neighbours who provide around the clock support, often with little training or recognition. It's demanding work. Dementia is a progressive, degenerative condition that affects thinking, behaviour and the ability to perform everyday tasks such as feeding, dressing and toileting.

Carers for people with dementia face unique challenges. Many must navigate the emotional toll of watching a loved one slowly slip away, all the while juggling challenging behaviours, disrupted sleep and ongoing family and work demands. Often a carer has little time or energy for personal interests and self-care and can become physically and emotionally isolated.

Acknowledging the time and effort a carer gives to a person with dementia is an important way of supporting them. Practical

assistance is also vital and can include providing a meal, helping with shopping, or spending time with the individual receiving care to allow the carer to take a break.

National Carers Week is a great opportunity to support those caring for people with dementia.

Join the Bungendore Dementia Alliance's Carers Morning Tea at 10.00 on 20 October at the Bungendore School of Arts.

For details, contact Kathleen on 0411 746 293.



The count down is on for the Bungendore Show

In just over two weeks the 2025 Community Bank Bungendore Show gates will fly open and the whole community is invited to celebrate with us! We're gearing up to watch the Community Bank Bungendore and Braidwood Piggy take on the Mudchooks, Tigers, Queanbeyan Roos and UC Capitals mascots in the 2025 mascot race.

We have an exciting line up of entertainment for the whole family to enjoy including the ACT Snakes Display, local dance performances and a mechanical bull competition. You can expect to see the usual favourites too including the tug-o-war, dog high jump, pet parade and flat chat dog race. Entries for the Flat Chat Dog Race and the Dog High Jump are \$5.

The Pet Parade is a gold coin donation with donations going to

ACT Rescue and Foster (ARF). Categories include:

- Best costume
- Smallest pet
- Largest pet
- Hairiest pet
- Most unusual
- Pet most like its owner
- Best in show

You also don't want to miss out on the Bungendore CWA's Devonshire Tea complete with home-made scones!

Speaking of scones, you won't want to miss entering the pavilion this year. There are some great prizes up for grabs in the pavilion including \$200 cash prize donated by Bungendore IGA for Most Successful Exhibitor and \$100 cash prize for Most Successful



Exhibitor 16 years and under. Entries are \$1 and kids under 16 can enter for free!

Whether you're a keen seamstress, a hobby gardener, can bake a great cake or fancy yourself as an armature photographer, we have a competition for everyone in the Pavilion.

In the lead up to the show we're looking for extra volunteers to help at working bees, or on show weekend. Our committee will hold a working bee on Sunday 12 October 2025 at Bungendore Showgrounds from 1pm. We have a job to suit everyone, if you can volunteer, please contact president@bungendoreshow.com.au. Volunteers receive free entry to the show!

Ticket prices for the 2025 Community Bank Bungendore Show:

- \$20 for general admission,

- \$15 for concession ticket,
- \$10 for children aged from 3yrs to 16yrs and
- kids under 3 are free.

For more information about the show, to purchase a ticket or to become a member visit www.bungendoreshow.com.au.

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RFS urges residents to reconsider their risk this Bush Fire Danger Period

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is urging communities not to be complacent this bush fire season and undertake their own preparations, as conditions continue to hamper hazard reduction efforts.

RFS Commissioner Trent Curtin said with the official start of the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) commencing for most of the state tomorrow, all of NSW needs to remember it only takes one ember to destroy an unprepared home.

“Most homes lost during bushfires are destroyed by

embers, not flames, which means even those who don’t live right next to the bush need to be aware of their risk this season,” Commissioner Curtin said.

“These small sparks can impact neighbourhoods more than 20km from a fire front, quickly igniting leaves in your gutter or debris in an untidy lawn.”

Heavy rains over recent years have led to prolific vegetation growth and limited opportunities for hazard reduction.

“Fast-moving grass fires are

capable of threatening lives and properties, as well as valuable crops and farming land,” Commissioner Curtin said.

While some areas have already entered the BFDP, the statutory bush fire season runs from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Acting Minister for Emergency Services, Anoulack Chanthivong said a few hours spent preparing could save lives and property if a bushfire emergency ignites.

“Our firefighters are at the ready to respond to

emergencies 365 days of the year, but it’s every homeowner’s responsibility to be equally prepared to help protect yourself and your family from the threat of bushfires,” Minister Chanthivong said.

“Doing simple things like cleaning your gutters, removing flammable items from your garden, and trimming back overhanging trees can make a significant difference.

“Now is also the time to update and discuss your bush fire survival plan with your household. Whether you live on the urban fringe, in regional towns or on rural properties, it’s critical everyone in NSW knows what they will do if fire threatens.”

Now that most of the state is in the BFDP, landholders must obtain a Fire Permit before lighting fires, take care when using fire on your property and note the rules around Total Fire Ban days.

Information about hazard reduction burning, obtaining permits and required notification is available on the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP.



5% Deposit Scheme opens the door for first home buyers in Eden-Monaro

From October 1, first home buyers will be able to buy a home with only a 5 per cent deposit across Eden-Monaro.

Through the expanded 5 per cent deposit scheme, the federal Government will guarantee a portion of a first home buyer’s loan, so they can purchase with a lower deposit and not pay Lenders Mortgage Insurance.

In Eden-Monaro, almost 1,000 people have already been able to buy their first homes thanks to the Home Guarantee Scheme.

From 1 October 2025, all first home buyers in Eden-Monaro will have access to 5 per cent deposits, with no caps on places or income limits.

Member for Eden-Monaro Kristy McBain said “All first home buyers in Eden-Monaro will be able to buy a home of their own with a deposit of just 5 per cent - cutting years off the time it takes to

save for a deposit. Property price caps will also be set higher, in line with average house prices, providing access to a greater variety of homes.

That means property price caps in Eden-Monaro will be raised from \$750,000 to \$800,000 - meaning a first home buyer will have more options to choose from.

For a first home buyer in Eden-Monaro looking to purchase a \$800,000 home, the 5 per cent deposit will save them \$120,000.

“We’re removing barriers, not building them. This program means more people in Eden-Monaro can stop renting and start building a future in their own home,” Ms McBain added.

To find out more, visit www.housingaustralia.gov.au/home-guarantee-scheme.

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Have a Rotary Halloween in Bungendore

Rotary Club of Bungendore
Fancy a sausage whilst you are out with the kids for Trick or Treat? Come by the skate park around 5pm and enjoy a bite to

eat - sausage on bread, with or without onions, with or without sauce only (no drinks).
Last year the Rotary Club of Bungendore held a free BBQ at



the Skate Park, and we learnt a lot so this year we have decided to change the way we provide this sausage sizzle to the community. This we hope will mean "trickatreaters" will still wander around the streets and visit all the willing participating houses before

and after their sausage.
So, what does that mean? We will have sausages "for sale" at the skate park from around 5pm until sold out. As October is Mental Health month all funds raised will go to an organisation supporting

mental health. And we will be handing out some "treats" for the kids.
We look forward to seeing you at Halloween.
Photos supplied of last's year BBQ

Stall holders wanted for the Burra Car Boot Sale



Car-boot sale on the Garage Sale Trail
Burra Community Association (BCA) is holding a community Car-Boot Sale at Burra Park (cnr of Lagoon and Burra Rds, Burra) on Sunday 9

November from 9am to 1pm.
We are looking for stall holders to make it another great event for the region.
We have had the largest Car Boot Sale for the last 3 years in the Canberra Queanbeyan Region.
We will also have food and drink stalls.

Burra Rural Fire Service will be in attendance.
A donation of \$10 to the BCA from each vendor would be appreciated.
To book a stall contact John on 0417 676 664.
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Yass Road night works - 7-10 October, 17-21 October 2025

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Contractors will be conducting night works on Yass Road this week. The works are being done at night to minimise impact to surrounding businesses during normal business hours and to reduce the impact to the road network.
Works will begin from 7pm on Tuesday 7 October, with work between 7pm and 6am.
Milling and asphalt works will be done from 7-10 October, with line marking to be completed from 17-21 October (weather permitting).
Traffic impact:
- Traffic control will be in a stop-slow arrangement. Traffic may be stopped for up to 10-minutes if we

get peak flows.
- On Tuesday night, the Canberra bound lane and shoulder will be milled and asphalt laid.
Access to Capital Terrace from Yass Road will be closed off on Tuesday 7 October, access will be available by using Shropshire Street and then Carrington Street to reach Capital Terrace.
- On Wednesday night the Queanbeyan bound lane and shoulders will be milled and asphalt laid.
Temporary speed limits will be in place throughout the works. The reduced speed limits will provide a safe environment for workers on foot and minimise risks to other road users.

Maria's Community Corner



Maria Porreca
My fortnight commenced with me having the immense pleasure of listening to my eldest grandson perform at Floriade on Monday 22nd September. Luca, who plays the flute, is a member of The Marist Junior Band and they were

asked to perform at Floriade. Their 'sketch' lasted about half an hour and in that time, they entertained the crowd with about 6 musical pieces. They were amazing, such talented young men, but then I might be just a little bit biased! I felt so sorry for all the young adults, but especially the dance group that followed the Marist Junior Band as it was a cold and miserable day.

The daughter of a friend was one of the dancers and I stayed and watched her dance, but only for 2 of their routines as it started to rain and I had quite a walk to the car - without an umbrella. Luckily, I did go early so that I could have a look around at the beautiful floral displays and the trade stalls. Well worth a visit.

As you all know Bishop Pat Power passed away recently and I attended his funeral service. The service was lovely, and it was heartwarming to hear of all his achievements during his life. He was ordained a priest in July 1965, had appointments to Braidwood; St Christopher's; Goulburn and Queanbeyan, just to name a few. He was ordained as the fifth Auxiliary Bishop of Canberra & Goulburn in April 1986, named Canberra Citizen of the Year in 2009 and he retired in 2012. Apart from his many other duties he also served several terms as chair of



the ACT Churches Council. With some passion, he supported the successful moves to have South Sydney restored to the national Rugby League competition. He was such a well-loved man with standing room only at his funeral service.
Seniors Advisory Committee met and had several items to discuss, one of which was transport for the elderly in our local government area. This is a big issue for older people as they have great difficulty

getting to medical appointments or even their weekly shopping if they don't drive or have mobility or other issues. We discussed the fact that there is not 1 wheelchair accessible taxi in our local area either. One other item we discussed was next year's Senior's Festival in March. Stay tuned, more to follow.
Take care, stay safe & well everyone.
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Queanbeyan Seniors 50+ activities

Fun... fun...fun... come and join us!

(falls prevention, balance, strengthening) Times - 9.30-10.30am at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan -\$10 for members

- Mondays**
Chair Yoga - 9.30am Mat Yoga - 11.00am. For more info contact Sue on <https://www.agewell.yoga>
- Tuesdays**
Zumba - 11am-12pm - Zumba with Ellie - AXIS Centre - \$10
- Monday Yoga & Tuesday Zumba at AXIS Centre, 22 Campbell Street (building next to the Lions Community Bookshop in Queanbeyan Town Park). ZUMBA & YOGA OPEN TO EVERYONE (not just seniors)! Monday and Tuesday Yoga and Zumba classes during school terms.
Recommencing 13 October
TUESDAY and THURSDAY EXERCISE CLASSES
- Wednesdays**
Mat Yoga - 9.30am
- Chair Yoga - 11.00am With Louise... no bookings required at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan
- BYO Mat for yoga if you have one, some will be supplied.
- Cost for abovementioned activities \$10.00 per session for members & \$18.00 for non-members.
- Monday**
Five Hundred (500) - card game - 1.00pm-3.00pm. Cost \$2.00
- Craft weekly** on Mondays Join our weekly Craft & chat every Monday from 11.am



till 2.00pm. Cost \$2. Bring your own lunch and project, or help with a project for seniors. Interested in knitting or crocheting? Stop by for tips and conversation.

Wednesdays

- Canasta - 10.00am -12.00noon Cost \$2.00
- Euchre - 1.00pm Cost \$3.00
- Mahjong - 1.00pm - 3.00pm Cost \$2.00

Thursdays
Thursdays - Rummikin - 1.00pm Cost \$2.00

Fridays

- Carpet Bowls - 1.00pm Cost \$2.00

Delicious afternoon tea follows these activities.

Monthly meeting: next meeting is on 21st October 2025.

Riverside Plaza Stall - monthly - We will be in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 25th October.

Membership \$20 for the first year, then \$10 annually. New members very welcome.

Contact - Brenda on 0407 201 392 or Kim on 0407 902 989 or email - queanbeyanseniors@gmail.com or just drop in during opening times - Rear of 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

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Arts Trail continues

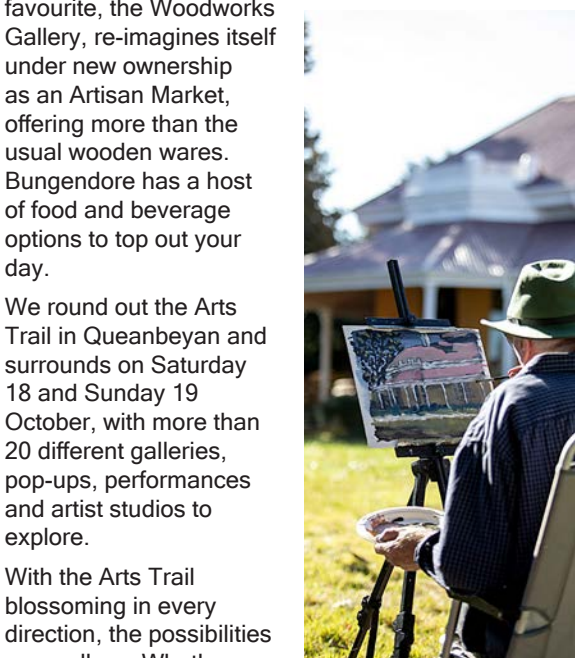
The Trail continues in Bungendore on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October, you can enjoy the Top Small Tourism Town in the nation, a title which Bungendore was recently awarded. Enjoy 9 different arts and crafts venues showcasing the latest regional creative endeavours, including 2 new offerings in town from The Artist Shed Nostalgia and the Bungendore Quilters, who will open their doors to the public. An old favourite, the Woodworks Gallery, re-imagines itself under new ownership as an Artisan Market, offering more than the usual wooden wares. Bungendore has a host of food and beverage options to top out your day.

you're drawn to paint, sculpture, performance, or something entirely unexpected, there's a moment of inspiration waiting for you.

Explore the full program on our website, and pick up a brochure around town to map out your own creative adventure and plan your perfect trail.

Full list of participants can be found at treasuretrail.com.au/arts

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What's on at the Hub



MON: Walking Photography - 9:30am to 11:30am

TUES: Invictus Yoga - 10am to 11am
Veterans Guitar Group - 10am to 12pm

WED: RSL Sub Branch Catchup - 9am to 11pm
Brave Buddies Playgroup - 10am to 12pm
Heart-Muscle-Balance - 12:45pm to 1:30pm

THURS: Open Arms fortnightly Coffee Catchup - 10am
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FRI: Mindful Movement Tai Chi - 9:30am to 10:30am

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Landcare Hosts first Working Bees at Dargues Gold Mine

In a momentous occasion for local Landcare, the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council (Landcare), in collaboration with Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare, hosted two working bees on Friday 22nd and 29th August at their new nursery hub at Dargues Mine.

In February this year, Aurelia Metals signed a Licence Agreement with the Landcare, providing access to the geology shed and surrounding outdoor areas at its Dargues Mine in Majors Creek to propagate tube stock for regional revegetation projects.

After months of preparation, including the installation of a new six by twelve metre polytunnel adjacent to the Geology Shed, Landcare was delighted to welcome the first groups of volunteers on site.

“The August working bees were our first activities and part of a big push to prepare for our spring propagation initiative” says Erin Brinkley, Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Coordinator. “Our Upper Shoalhaven and Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare

Networks are rolling out the Southern Tablelands Tree Start Growers program for the 2025-26 growing season, and needed help preparing over 370 native propagation kits for the upcoming sessions in Cooma, Bungendore, Braidwood and Michelago”.

Braving some extremely windy conditions in Majors Creek, the volunteers who attended the working bees were busy washing recycled pots, portioning out shade cloth, soil and perlite, as well as counting and packing boxes, trays, and tubes.

“It was wonderful to have Landcare representatives across the district come to our Nursery hub at Dargues” says Erin, “with local volunteers from Araluen and Bombay, as well as those travelling from Carwoola, Queanbeyan and Numeralla! Many hands certainly made light work - with the volunteers smashing our target and over 400 propagation kits packed and ready to go. We couldn’t have done it without them”.

Last year, the Southern Tablelands Tree Start Growers Network supported almost 70 growers, with over 300 kits distributed. This year the project is a little more ambitious, with increased grant sponsorship from the NSW Government Koala Strategy and Mary MacKillop Today allowing Landcare to support over 100 volunteer growers and 400 kits to propagate some twenty thousand native tube stock. These plants will hopefully be ready for a range of local community revegetation projects in autumn 2026.

“Without access to the Geology Shed at Dargues, this project wouldn’t be possible at this scale. When you’ve got hundreds of kits, pallets of supplies and a production line of washing, drying and packing, it’s great to have the space, especially when it was blowing a gale and everyone could retreat and continue working in the shed” Erin adds.

The Lease Agreement between Landcare and Aurelia Metals at the Dargues Mine extends to December 2027, and was made possible by the strong co-operation between the Dargues environment and management team, and Upper Shoalhaven Landcare representatives.

Aurelia Chief Development and Technical Officer, Andrew Graham said the mutually beneficial Agreement highlights the Company’s commitment to rehabilitation.

“Giving Landcare access to the first-rate facility at our Dargues Mine will help them carry out their important work for the local area. Aurelia is committed to rehabilitating the Dargues Mine to a very high standard and enhancing the biodiversity value of the land on which we have operated. The Agreement will help us achieve these goals,” Andrew said.

After a successful first two working bees, Landcare can look forward to hosting more volunteer activities on site, with plans for other native seed collection and propagation initiatives in the works.

Photo supplied of Landcare volunteers from across the district and Aurelia Metals Abigail Saunders (front left) at the working bee at Dargues Mine on Friday 29 August



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If I can assist you in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch. As your Federal Member of Parliament I can assist with:

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New Planet Supermarket Marks 55 Years in Queanbeyan

When New Planet Supermarket first opened its doors in 1970, Queanbeyan was a very different place. Shops were smaller, parking was scarce, and supermarkets were still finding their place in the rhythm of local life. Yet from the very beginning, New Planet set itself apart – family-owned, welcoming, and committed to good old-fashioned service.

Fifty-five years later, little of that has changed. The same family still proudly owns and runs the business, and generations of Queanbeyan families have made shopping at New Planet part of their weekly routine. For long-time locals, it's a familiar landmark. For newcomers, it's a discovery – a supermarket that combines the convenience of quick, hassle-free parking and one-stop shopping with a warmth and personal touch not often found in larger stores.



The supermarket offers more than 1,000 grocery lines, a full liquor range, and the same friendly service that has kept people coming back year after year. “We’ve seen kids come in with their parents, and now those kids are coming in with their own families,” a family owner Betty said. “That’s really special to us. It means people trust us and feel at home here.”

As part of a wider supermarket chain, shoppers also have the chance to share in celebrations beyond the store itself, with every shop giving customers the opportunity to win prizes such as gift cards, bikes and great specials across groceries and liquor.

This huge giveaway promotion is on from the 8th October until the 28th October. See instore for more details (T&Cs apply).

Conveniently located at 7 Gilmore

Place, and open every day, New Planet Supermarket continues to do what it has always done best – serve the local community with quality, convenience and a smile.

After 55 years, it's not just a supermarket, but part of Queanbeyan's story.

7 Gilmore Place, Queanbeyan

Above: New Planet Supermarket in the 1970's and left - the supermarket today..

Photos supplied

Jerrabomberra Combined Probus Club September 2025

Jerra Probus Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 10.30 to Noon at the Jerra Community Centre.

In September we had interesting guest speaker(s). On this occasion it was a very thorough presentation about Wattle Day by Pat Wright with assistance from husband Warwick, whose pictures were unfortunately unavailable due to an IT problem. Nevertheless, Pat and Warwick, volunteers at Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens (ANBG), made the Wattle (Acacia) very interesting. Australian wattles, introduced into Europe in the early 1900s where they are known as Mimosa, due to their resemblance to the real South American Mimosas.

Pat reinforced that it is an error to blame the Wattle for spring allergies, explaining that the heavy, sticky wattle pollen in spread by birds and insects and the real culprits are grass pollens spread by the wind. Australia has two thirds of the worldwide Wattle species (over 1000).

To mark the 75th anniversary of the end hostilities of the First World War, the body of an unknown Australian soldier was recovered from Adelaide Cemetery near Villers-Bretonneux in France and transported to Australia. He was interred in the Hall of Memory on 11 November 1993 in a Tasmanian Blackwood (Wattle) coffin, on which were placed a bayonet and a sprig of wattle. Soil from the Pozieres battlefield in France was scattered in his tomb.

“Our” ANBG are in Clunies Ross Street Acton ACT on the slopes of Black Mountain. Information and guided walks are available: info@anbg.gov.au Facebook: Australian National Botanic Gardens.

Our next Probus meeting on 15 October will enjoy a talk by Suzanna Fullerton on Jane Austen the 250th anniversary of whose birth will fall on 16 December 2025.

If you would like to visit one of our meetings to see how we work, please contact Secretary Eleanor Robertson so you can receive a suitable welcome and introduction. Email: eleanor.vqa@gmail.com Phone: 0400 194 340

Peter Haddon
Jerra Probus Club

Photo (supplied): Roz Townsend (L), Pat and Warwick



THE Q AND WORDSWORTH PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

Jon & Jero STUFF!

A CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE FOR KIDS!

With your help, these bumbling brothers will travel far and wide to get their STUFF back!

Friday 10 October

QUEANBEYAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

From 1905 to today: Bungendore Park Tennis Club

The Bungendore Park Tennis Club has marked a proud milestone with the official opening of its new Multi-Purpose Facility, a project that President Bryan Clark described as “the latest edition in our club’s evolution.”

“There is evidence of the existence of a tennis club in Bungendore since 1905 and, as far as I can tell, always at this location,” Bryan said. “The former clubhouse stood us in good stead for many years but in the end succumbed to the ravages of time and weather, including flooding. Stalwart members of our club started the process a number of years ago to design and raise the necessary funds to undertake the works you see before you today.”

“Of course, we are very grateful to the financial contributors that enabled us to undertake these works and realise the club’s vision,” Bryan said. He paid tribute to the NSW State Government for its \$300,000 contribution, Bendigo Community Bank for \$80,000, Veolia

Mulwaree Trust for \$18,000, and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council for \$11,000 in support.

The result is a modern facility that not only benefits members but also stands as a valuable community asset. Bryan expressed his gratitude to those who helped bring the project to life, noting the dedicated contributions of both past and present committee members, including Keith and Kate Bender, Eric Martin AM, Rosie Windsor, Gavin McDonald, Rob Breust, Lynn Kenney, Ava Merriman, and Marty Shelley.

Previous President Keith Bender and his team worked tirelessly to make the building a reality, applying for grants, working with all levels of government and overseeing the build in a challenging economic environment of rising building costs.

In attendance was Barry McRoberts, a Club President back in the 1970’s recalled many working bees clearing vegetation from the then court to make it playable.



Bryan highlighted the generosity of many others in the community. “The Duffy family donated the wall-mounted Smart TV, Mickey Gubas and his workers carried out the external painting at no cost to the club, Haymes Paints and Graeme Regan supplied heavily discounted - and in some cases free - paint, and



the Elword family donated doors, locks and tiles. And let’s not forget Andy Burbidge, who, with Robert and Keith, insulated the entire clubhouse over one weekend last year.” He also acknowledged the ongoing support of sponsors such as Ray White, Bungendore Rural/Mitre 10,

and the Bungendore Rotary Club, noting their long-term commitment to the club and community. Bryan closed by thanking everyone for joining in the celebration of a project that has been years in the making. “What stands before us today is not just a facility for tennis,” he said, “but a

lasting community asset built from dedication, generosity and the shared vision of so many.” For more information on membership or to book a court head to <https://play.tennis.com.au/bungendoreparktennisclub> Sharon Baxter-Judge

Strong community support for need to upgrade Queanbeyan East intersection

More than 1000 pieces of feedback were received by Transport for NSW in relation to the Yass Road, Bungendore Road and Ellerton Drive intersection in Queanbeyan East, with most supporting the need for an upgrade.

In March and April, the community was invited to comment on the proposed design which would see the existing roundabout replaced with traffic signals and additional lanes, and signalised pedestrian crossings at the intersection.

Feedback from 1025 members of the community showed 80.1 per cent were supportive of the upgrade, 4.5 per cent neutral and 15.4

per cent not supportive.

The community acknowledged the need for the upgrade due to significant traffic congestion and safety issues around the intersection, particularly in the morning and afternoon peaks as this intersection is a major route for commuters from growing areas like Googong.

While there is broad support for the proposed changes, Transport also heard questions around the best approach to resolve issues at this intersection. Balancing traffic flow and safety will be key in finalising the design.

The NSW Government has committed \$33.7 million

for future improvements to traffic flow and road safety at the intersection of Yass Road, Bungendore Road and Ellerton Drive in Queanbeyan East.

Steve Whan, Member for Monaro said, “I made a commitment to the people of Queanbeyan and the region to upgrade this intersection. It is good to see the very strong level of community support for the proposed signalised intersection that has come from these consultations.

“Over the past year I have heard from people who commute via the intersection that this is an important project. We do still have some way to go until

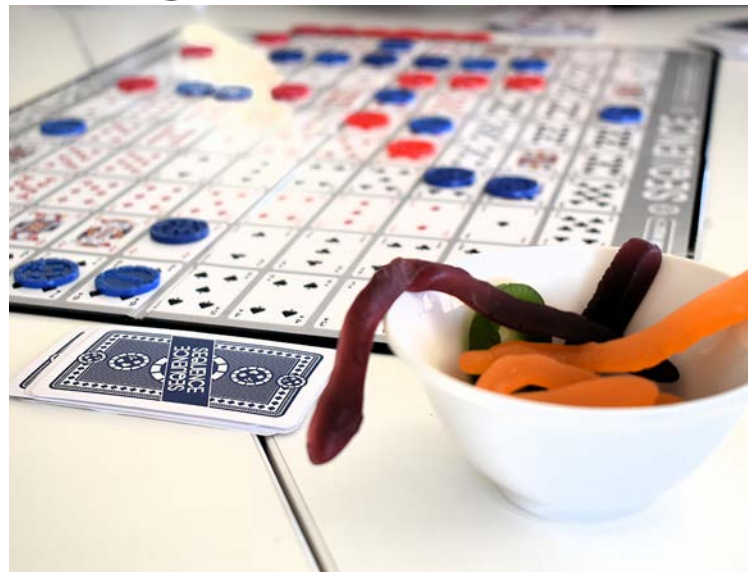


construction is able to start and when it does, there will be a significant period of disruption, I would ask people to be patient while

all these necessary steps happen.” To view a copy of the consultation summary report, find out more

about the project website and subscribe to receive updates via email, visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ybe Image: NSW Transport

Bungendore Seniors



The Bungendore Seniors Association Incorporated welcomes anyone over the age of 55 to come along and join in.

Get Togethers

Our get togethers are weekly and we alternate between Thursdays and Fridays, so mark your calendar and join us on a Thursday or a Friday or come along to both.

Enjoy great conversation, a few laughs, some games and morning tea.

We meet at 10am at the Bungendore Sports Hub ammentities building (parking near the netball courts).

Cost is \$5.00 per person, which includes morning tea.

See right for dates.

Everyone's welcome!

Seniors Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at the Bungendore Scout Hall. Chair Yoga is held during school terms only. One class during the winter months at 2.30pm

Cost: \$13 per session for members, \$18 for non-members.

All welcome to attend

2025 Membership

Yearly membership is only

\$10.00 per person. We welcome

THURSDAYS

Thursday 9 October
Thursday 23 October
Thursday 6 November
Thursday 20 November
Thursday 4 December
Thursday 18 December

FRIDAYS

Friday 17 October
Friday 31 October
Friday 14 November
Friday 28 November
Friday 12 December

everyone over the age of 55.

For more information contact Sharon on 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com

Register now for the Tug of War at the Bungendore Community Bank Show on Sun 26th October.

The Tug of War is on again at the Bungendore Show. There are sections for Male, Female and Junior teams. There are cash prizes and trophies to be won. Tug of War teams enter the show for free. You will need six on your team and please register a few

days before the Show so we can organise entry.

For more information see the Bungendore Show website or contact Alison Mckenzie on 0459 688 000 or alison.mckenzie@bigpond.com



Supporting children's education a key priority for Bungendore Evening View Club this Anti-Poverty Week

Members of Bungendore Evening VIEW Club are calling on the community to give generously this Anti-Poverty Week [12-18 October] and sponsor a child or donate to the national children's education charity The Smith Family. The focus of this Anti-Poverty Week is to end child poverty in Australia.

Bungendore Evening VIEW Club has been helping children for 24 years through The Smith Family's Learning for Life education support program, which provides families with long term educational, financial, and personal assistance so that children have all the essentials needed to make the most of their education.

President of the Bungendore Evening, VIEW Club Debbie Hudson said with one in six children in Australia growing up in poverty, there has never been a more important time to support a child with their education.

"Families are having to make impossible choices about how to spend limited resources, this could be prioritising rent over sending their child on a school excursion,

being able to afford schoolbooks or essential digital learning tools," said Debbie.

"A laptop and reliable internet access at home are now vital for any child's education."

"No child should have to miss out on the essentials for their education, and this is why VIEW is so passionate about supporting the work of The Smith Family. Its evidence-based approach helps children experiencing disadvantage to overcome the educational inequality they face. They support students for the duration of their education, and this helps them build the confidence and skills needed to create better futures for themselves."

VIEW Clubs raised more than \$1.5 million nationally last year to support The Smith Family's important work, and they currently sponsor over 1,800 students on the Learning for Life scholarship program.

VIEW Clubs in 2025 have also raised over \$182,000 for The Smith Family's Digital Learning Essentials program, that aims to close the

digital divide and allow students fully participate in their schooling.

While fundraising plays a vital role in helping children in need, Debbie is also encouraging women of all ages to donate their time and skills by joining a VIEW Club. Bungendore Evening VIEW Club meets for dinner on the first Monday of each month where there is generally a guest speaker and some lively discussions. If you would like to find out more email bungendoreview@gmail.com

To sponsor a child or donate to The Smith Family, visit thesmithfamily.com.au or call 1800 633 622.





On sale now!

BUNGENDORE PRESCHOOL ART & CRAFT FUNDRAISING DAY

SUNDAY OCT 19TH

10am
'Ocean'

\$40
PER
CHILD

1pm
'Space'

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO BUNGENDORE PRESCHOOL

- Sessions will be craft based painting classes running for approx 1.5-2hrs
- Perfect for ages 3-8yrs
- Parents/guardians must stay with their child
- Please pack them snacks & water for the class

SCAN TO BOOK:





Made possible with a grant from QPRC

We invite you to attend our free community event

Staying Smart in a Digital World

10.00am October 30th



Kylee Dennis - Two Face Investigations

Kylee Dennis is a former NSW Police detective turned scam-fighter and the founder of Two Face Investigations. With decades of experience in law enforcement, she now uses her skills to expose digital predators, educate communities, and protect Australians, particularly older women, from romance and online scams. Her mission is simple: to empower, educate, and eliminate scammers, one story at a time.



Katharine Routh - NBN

If you've ever been worried about online scams or you're simply looking to upskill your digital safety, this is the session for you. Learn tips on how best to avoid online and phone scams, discover helpful advice on what to do if you're ever a victim of a scam, and find out where you can go for more information.



Scan this QR code to reserve your free ticket

Bungendore Community Centre, Bungendore

Community News

Bungendore's Shared Success: Celebrating \$11 Million Reinvested Locally

The Bungendore community has played a proud and vital role in a remarkable milestone - more than \$11 million reinvested back into our local communities by Palerang Financial Services Limited (PFSL), the operator of our Community Banks in Braidwood and Bungendore.

As a certified social enterprise, PFSL operates on a unique model: profits don't leave the community but are reinvested into it. For Bungendore, this has meant years of tangible outcomes - support for local sporting clubs, local schools, festivals, and events that give back far

more than money.

At the recent celebration event at Braidwood Showground, the sense of pride was shared across the region, but Bungendore's achievements shone brightly.

"When people in Bungendore choose to bank locally, they are part of something much bigger," Chair Garry Cook, "They're supporting a social enterprise - one where every dollar we make goes back into projects that matter right here in our town."

The event was also a celebration of the people behind the numbers - our volunteers, our customers,

and our community leaders. Guests reflected on the spirit that makes our communities thrive: neighbours helping neighbours, businesses supporting events and people giving their time generously.

The milestone is not just a figure - it's a promise of more to come. Bungendore has been a cornerstone of PFSL's success, and the future will see continued reinvestment, ensuring the town continues to grow stronger, more connected and more resilient.

Photos supplied



Breast Cancer Awareness Month puts spotlight on screening and support

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Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australian women and the second most common cause of cancer-related death. One in seven women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. The earlier breast cancer is found, the better the chance of surviving it.

Thanks to advances in detection and treatment, the five-year breast cancer survival rate has improved to 94 per cent. Between 1987-1991 and 2017-2021, 5-year relative survival increased from 75.1 per cent to 94.3 per cent for women who were diagnosed with breast cancer when aged 50-74.

Age remains the biggest risk factor, with most breast cancers

occurring in women over 50. Nine out of 10 women diagnosed have no family history of the disease.

Participation rates for First Nations women in screening remain lower than non-Indigenous women at 35.9 per cent. State and territory programs, and Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisations have implemented a range of initiatives to support First Nations women to access culturally safe screening and improve cancer outcomes.

The federal Government is helping women take action through mammograms available every two years for all eligible women aged 40 and over through BreastScreen Australia, with women aged 50 to 74 invited to participate by state and territory programs.

Jointly funded by the Australian Government and state and territory governments, BreastScreen Australia offers services in more than 750 locations nationally, including purpose built mobile vans,

buses and 4WDs. The Albanese Government is also investing \$193 million over four years in a new Australian Cancer Nursing and Navigation Program (ACNNP).

The Australian Cancer Nurse Navigation Program (ACNNP) ensures all Australians affected by cancer, regardless of location or cancer type, receive high-quality, culturally safe care, while also supporting families, carers, friends and health professionals. Through this program, Breast Cancer Network Australia is funded to provide specialist information and support to breast cancer patients, and the McGrath Foundation is delivering 100 new government-funded cancer care nurses to support people with all types of cancer by 2026-27.

Information about BreastScreen Australia is available at www.health.gov.au/bsa.

First Nations women can access information about Screen with you Sistas here: <https://www.health.gov.au/breast-screen>



Members and Friends Celebration

Join us to celebrate 140 years of tennis at Queanbeyan Park - a milestone honouring generations of families and friends who have shaped our club's proud history.

A full day of activities are scheduled - come for one or stay for all!

Sunday 12 October
Campbell Street courts and clubhouse

Schedule of play	
8:00am	Junior competition
11:30am	BBQ lunch (11:30am-12:30pm)
12:30pm	Club history and cake
1:00pm	Adult doubles competition
All day	Clubhouse memorabilia display

- Best dressed competition - will you wear vintage or the latest in tennis fashion?**
- Bring your racquet and have a hit on court**
- Games and fun for the whole family**
- Wooden racquet matches**

RSVP to the Club by 3 October at tennisqueanbeyan@gmail.com

Please include the following when responding:

- your attendance and numbers
- any dietary requirements; and
- your interest in the Junior or Adult Doubles competition.

Gold coin donation appreciated on the day.

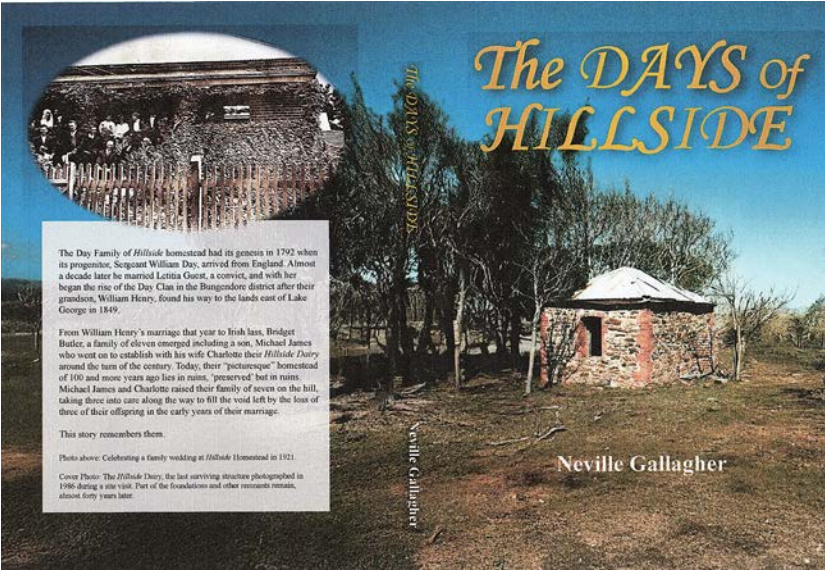
Community News

The Days of Hillside by Neville Gallagher

The Days of Hillside
Neville Gallagher

Their story began 233 years ago when William Day, a Sergeant in Paterson’s marines, left England to take up his posting in 1792 in the newly-established colony at Sydney Cove. It tells of his marriage to a convict, Letitia Guest, the birth of their son and daughter, of William’s second marriage, again to a convicted felon, Martha Kennedy of the First Fleet, and of his son’s confinement in the notorious Moreton Bay Penal Colony. Eventually we find his grandson, 22-year-old William Henry Day, on the lands east of Lake George on the outskirts of the recently-named village of Bungendore.

An Irishman, John Butler, had already arrived there with his family from Tipperary to start afresh in the new colony, taking up residence in



the Parish of Fairy Meadow.

With several young daughters in his household, a visit from young William was inevitable and with his marriage to Bridget of the Butler household in

1849, so began their family of eleven, including one named Michael James who, in Queanbeyan in 1879, married Charlotte Brown, herself a young lass not yet in her 16th year. The first four of Michael and Charlotte’s ten children were born in or near the Village of Bungendore before the family moved to Hoskinstown where another son and five daughters were born. Tragically, three were lost to them through illness. On returning to Bungendore Michael went on to establish Day’s Hillside Dairy on farmlands north east of the Village.

Over time Michael and Charlotte added to their land holdings including several residential blocks in the Village. Their business interests went on to include a butcher’s shop in Gibraltar Street which was later transferred to their son, Michael James Jnr. who operated the business until 1939. Their daughter, Evelyn, best remembered as Nurse Murphy, conducted a medical practice from her private residence, Auldhome, in Molonglo Street for 22 years.

Photo supplied of Michael James Day (1859-1924)



Elm Grove Estate

Bungendore NSW

Only 30 minutes from the heart of Canberra lies a piece of country paradise offering a wholesome lifestyle the entire family will enjoy.

Nestled in the fast-growing and historic Bungendore township, Elm Grove Estate in Bungendore is 20 minutes to Queanbeyan and close to 30 minutes to Canberra, giving you all the benefits of the city being just a stone’s throw away while living in a relaxed country town.

Elm Grove Estate is an upmarket subdivision developed by the same group that created the original Jerrabomberra Estates, Gordon, Conder, Amaroo, Palmerston, Royalla and many more.

The developer’s goal with each subdivision is to create larger lots at more affordable prices where you can design and build your ‘forever home’ and create a lifestyle that the entire family can enjoy for many years to come.

By offering the Canberra region’s largest residential blocks at the most affordable prices with lots beginning at 850sqm in size and increasing to 1,492sqm, the Estate has something for every family’s needs.

At Elm Grove there are fewer building restrictions than in the ACT and the lots are situated on freehold land so there’s no time limit to build, therefore you can take your time on crafting the perfect home to suit your family for the long term.

Exciting news: The NSW

Department of Education has just begun construction of the new \$70M ‘state-of-the-art’ high school in Elm Grove Stage 2B located on Birchfield Drive.

The new high school is planned to be operational for the first term of 2027.

So whether you’re wanting to upgrade your lifestyle or build your new forever home, Elm Grove Estate is your ideal development. Take advantage of the additional Home & Land Packages on offer with the option of choosing your own builder or work with some of the Canberra region’s most experienced new-home building companies.

Elm Grove Estate are offering a September/October Spring promotion offering FREE STAMP DUTY with any purchase. So make the time to come and see why so many Canberra families are choosing Elm Grove Estate to build their new family home.

Stage 1 is sold out with Stage 2A now selling. What’s on offer 850sqm - 1,492sqm fully serviced lots

Starting price: \$548,000

Favourable purchasing terms available including lower deposit and FREE Stamp Duty.

Visit Elm Grove Estate Sunday 11am to 3pm, follow the signs to Charlotte Place Bungendore.

Elm Grove Estate
Tarago Road, Bungendore
Ph: 6238 0111
Email: sales@aland.net.au
Website: www.elmgroveestate.com.au

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10am - 4pm
1 & 2 NOVEMBER 2025

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WOMEN OVER 50

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO FIT EXERCISE IN TO YOUR LIFE

Researchers at the University of Sydney are running a study to measure the impact of the Active Women over 50 program.

This **FREE** program is designed for women aged 50+ to help increase their physical activity. The program involves telephon health coaching from a physiotherapist, private Facebook grou (optional), a website resource, and motivational SMS or email messages for 6 months.

To be eligible, you need to be a woman aged 50+, living in NSW healthy enough to take part in regular physical activity, and have access to the internet.

For more information
www.activewomenover50.org.au
sph.activewomen@sydney.edu.au
(02) 8627 6242
Or scan the QR code to learn more

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Active Women OVER 50

HOME IN QUEANBEYAN

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\$14,502 PRIZE POOL!

8 PRIZES TO BE WON

DRAWN 5 NOVEMBER 2025

\$25 PER TICKET

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and more!

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SCAN TO ENTER

www.raffletix.com.au/homeinqueanbeyan2025

Images of animals: a wallaby, a zebra, a giraffe, a rhinoceros, and a tiger.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A different kind of “meet and greet” at the Queanbeyan Animal Management Facility’s recent Open Day

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Rocco
Age 10 years old.
Likes: sleeping, the lounge, food and ear rubs
Dislikes: exercise and baths
Claim to Fame: having the most beautiful smile

Letter

Letter to the Editor

Despite the letter of 24th September complaining about golfing columnist Larry King’s physics comments, I have always enjoyed Larry’s article. He is the funniest writer in this paper.

He may consider entering ABC TV’s Hard Quiz, and trade humorous banter with the host, the very funny Tom Gleeson.

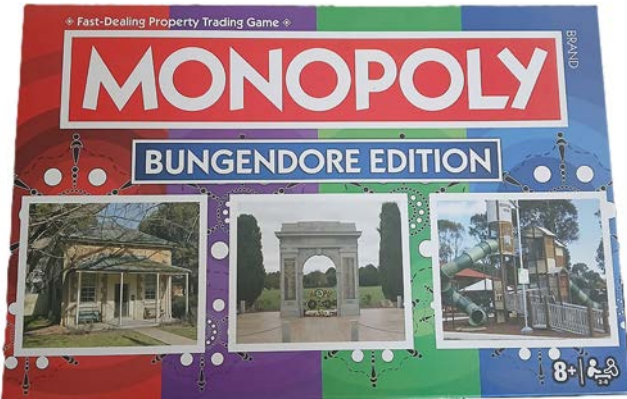
Larry’s choice of a special subject may not be the hardest challenge, but whatever it is, I’m sure he would have a lot of fun on that Show

Mark Peters
Bungendore

Roll the dice, take a chance and buy the game

Monopoly Bungendore Edition will be available for sale EVER. The IGA, our Community Bank of Bungendore and The Malbon are still the places to go and buy your game. Get yours before they walk out the door never to be available again. Help us sell out the last 300 copies of this great game.

Many have laughed, many have enjoyed, and likely some have cried over the Bungendore boardgame and now is your last chance to purchase this game as at the end of the year that will be it! No more, no reprints, no Monopoly man watching you around our community! All proceeds from sales



go to projects for our community - watch this space as we have one in the wings that we are working on.

The Rotary Club of Bungendore thanks you

for your continued support and we know that together we can sell the rest of the copies. Remember just \$69.99 and yes the whole \$69.99 goes to community projects.

CAPTAIN BUNgEndore



THE BEST THING YOU CAN do is keep your distance from A sNAKE. don't try to CATCH, KILL, HIT or CHASE the sNAKE AWAY. Avoid places where sNAKES HANG out.

JAC

Do you have a Photo of the Week? Or, if you would like to see your beloved pet featured as Pet of the Week, please email your photos to info@regionalindependent.com.au

The Regional Independent - letters to the editor need to be no more than 230 words. Please email your letters complete with full name, phone contact and address to: info@regionalindependent.com.au Only your name and suburb will be printed

Bungendore Food Hub

A HELP UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTED BY OUR COMMUNITY

FOOD, TOILETRIES, WARM CLOTHING, ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, COMMUNITY RESOURCES ARE ALL AVAILABLE HERE!

OPEN WEDNESDAYS 10AM-12PM

LOCATED IN THE OLD OP SHOP BEHIND BUNGENDORE AMERICAN CHURCH, GIBRALTAR STREET BUNGENDORE

CONTACT 6228 1261 OR 0422605009

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A non-for-profit group with all funds donated to local charitable organisations

LOCATED IN THE QUEANBEYAN PARK

OPEN: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm

SECONDHAND BOOKS, MAGAZINES, GAMES, JIGSAWS, CRAFT



For more information: Phone 0461 365 831 Email: queanbeyan.nsw@lions.org.au Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofqueanbeyan/>

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Household Chemical CleanOuts this weekend

Do you have old or excess household chemicals that you need to get rid of but don't know how?

Drop them off at one of our Household Chemical CleanOut sessions this weekend. You can drop off up to 20L or 20kg of a single item of the following:

- Solvents, household cleaners, and pool chemicals
- Pesticides, herbicides, and poisons
- Motor oils and fuels
- Paint and paint related products
- Fluorescent globes and tubes
- Smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and gas bottles
- Car and household batteries
- + more

Drop off at:

- Bungendore Waste Transfer Station on 11 October from 8-11am
- Braidwood Waste Transfer Station on 11 October from 1-4pm
- Queanbeyan Waste Minimisation Centre on 12 October from 8-11am
- Find out more at www.cleanout.com.au

Advertising of Notices and Documents under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Regulations

Notices and documents required to be advertised under NSW planning legislation can be viewed at bit.ly/DPnotices

Community Meetings in November

Meet your councillors and talk about the things that matter to you at our upcoming community meetings in:

- Braidwood - Tuesday 4 November from 6-8pm at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club Auditorium
- Captains Flat - Thursday 6 November from 7-8pm at the Captains Flat Community Health Centre
- Bungendore - Wednesday 19 November from 6-8pm at the Bungendore Community Centre
- Queanbeyan - Thursday 20 November from 6-8pm in the WB Freebody Chambers at the Nellie Hamilton Centre
- Nerriga - Saturday 22 November from 10am-12pm at the Nerriga Community Hall
- Find more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events



Nominate for our Citizen, Young Citizen, Senior Citizen, Community Event of the Year, and Community Organisation of the Year for 2026!

Each year we celebrate the people in our community who are dedicated to making our region a better place, whether that's through volunteering, service to the community, holding community events or other achievements.

There are four regions for each award: Captains Flat, Braidwood, Bungendore, and Queanbeyan.

- Get your nominations in by 1 December at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Australia-Day-Awards

Council Meetings and Times

Council holds Ordinary Meetings twice a month on a Wednesday, excluding December and January. Meetings start at 5.30pm. Agendas and business papers for the meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting from bit.ly/MinutesAgendas. Meetings are live streamed via bit.ly/QPRCwebcast.

Members of the public can watch the meetings via bit.ly/QPRCwebcast and make a presentation during the public forum via Zoom, by submitting a written presentation, or in person.

Members of the public can make a:

- Written presentation - submit by midday on Tuesday
- Zoom presentation - register by midday on Wednesday
- Register to make a presentation at bit.ly/QPRCinvolved

Next meeting dates are:

- 8 October (Braidwood)
- 22 October (Queanbeyan)

Written Questions on Notice

Questions on notice from the community must be submitted in writing or via email to public.forum@qprc.nsw.gov.au by 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. All questions and responses will be tabled at each Public Forum, provided to the person who asked the questions and published on our website.



Diwali Mela Lantern Festival in Queanbeyan

Celebrate Diwali with us in Queanbeyan next Saturday 18 October at Queanbeyan Showground.

From 5pm, come and enjoy performances, food stalls, a best-dressed competition, and the all important lantern parade that will start at 8:30pm.

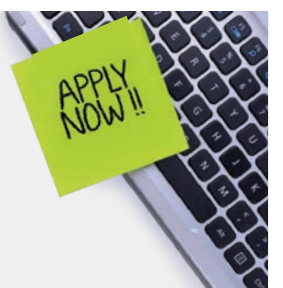
Bring your battery operated light or lantern along, or make a lantern at Souther Tablelands Art's lantern making workshop space from 6pm on the night!

- Learn more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/diwali

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Casual Animal Care Officer
- Projects Engineers (x2)
- Leading Hand Maintenance Grader
- For more information and roles see bit.ly/QPRC-Careers



Arts Trail in Bungendore this weekend

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail kicked off in Braidwood last weekend. Bungendore's makers and creatives will be on display this weekend, 11 and 12 October, at studios and spaces around town. The final Arts Trail weekend is next weekend 18 and 19 October in Queanbeyan.

- Learn more at treasuretrail.com.au/arts

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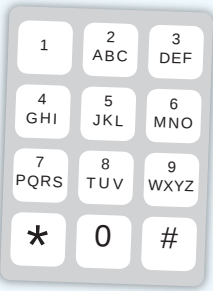
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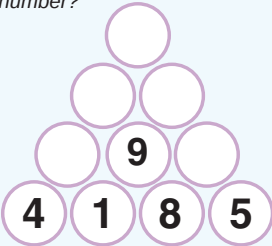
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If PEER is 7337 on this phone keypad, which political terms have the following numbers?

- 1 8683
- 2 72789
- 3 23624
- 4 2224638
- 5 64647837



If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number?



Copycats

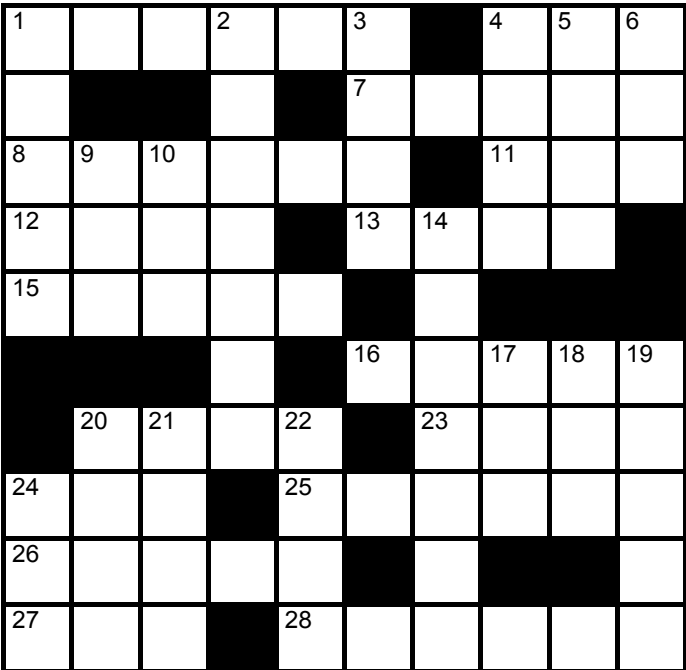
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Choose the answer that best copies the pattern.

- 1 E is to 5 as N is to: 6 • 8 • 10 • 12 • 14
- 2 BRUSH is to FOX as SCUT is to: Mouse • Badger • Rabbit • Scorpion • Peacock
- 3 DIRECT is to TIRED as SILENT is to: Tiles • Inlet • Tines • Liens • Stein
- 4 CIRCLE is to SPHERE as SQUARE is to: Block • Cone • Cube • Vector • Pyramid
- 5 LUPINE is to WOLF as OVINE is to: Cat • Fish • Dog • Sheep • Goat

www.puzzler.com/braintrainer

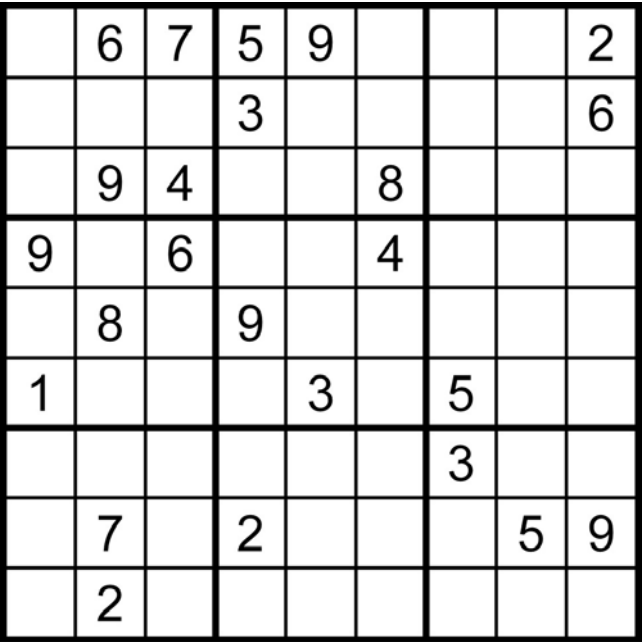
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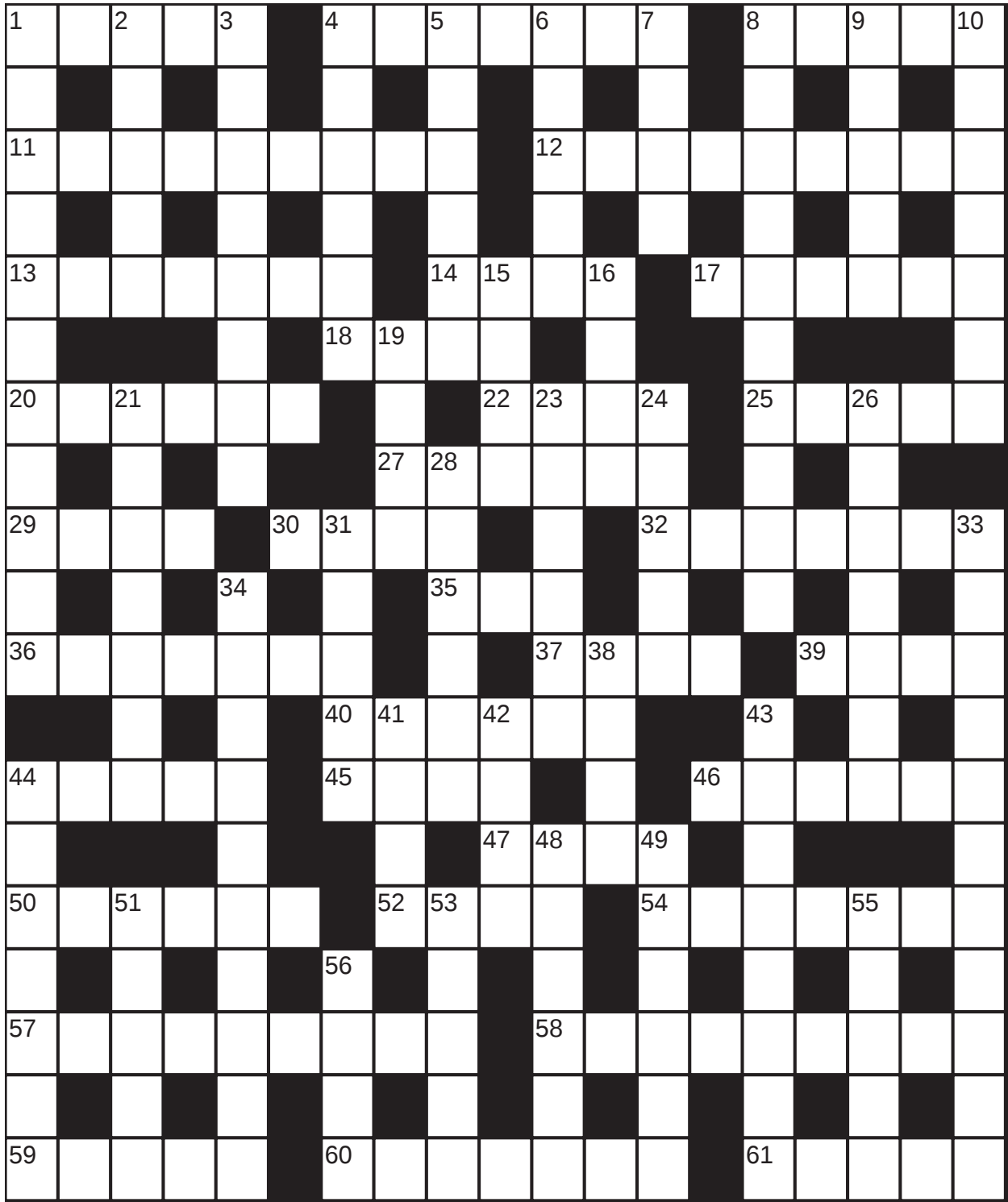
- Across
- 1 Shooting star (6)
- 4 Golfer's aid (3)
- 7 Run away to get married (5)
- 8 Scattered fragments (6)
- 11 Over (poet) (3)
- 12 Poet's Ireland (4)
- 13 Story (4)
- 15 Light beer (5)
- 16 Heathen (5)
- 20 Makes lace (4)
- 23 Bristle (4)
- 24 Afflict (3)
- 25 Northern Ireland (6)
- 26 Driving mechanism (5)
- 27 Donkey (3)
- 28 Edges along furtively (6)
- Down
- 1 Artist's subject (5)
- 2 Ardently serious (7)
- 3 Repose (4)
- 4 Implement (4)
- 5 Duelling sword (4)
- 6 Ever (poet) (3)
- 9 Period of time (3)
- 10 Large (3)
- 14 Gathered for oneself (7)
- 17 Obtain (3)
- 18 Consumed (3)
- 19 Nostrils (5)
- 20 Neckwear (4)
- 21 Woe! (4)
- 22 Dubious (coll) (4)
- 24 Turkish commander (3)

Sudoku

Sudoku, it's a game of deduction rather than maths. Fill each row, column and 3x3 square with the numbers 1 - 9, without repeating. Each number can only appear once in each row, column, and frame.



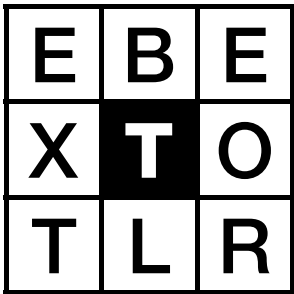
Crossword



Target Time

Target: Average 12, Good - 15, Excellent - 20+

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you make? The centre letter must be included and be used only once. Find at least one nine letter word.



- Across
- 1 Survives
- 4 Mishandles
- 8 Renovated (3,2)
- 11 Appeared similar to
- 12 Harrowing
- 13 Light water craft (4,3)
- 14 Store
- 17 Fair
- 18 Small round flat bread
- 20 Sign
- 22 Slide
- 25 Adolescence
- 27 Aim high
- 29 Tug
- 30 Island north of Townsville
- 32 Burped
- 35 Vestment
- 36 Colourful arc
- 37 Of aircraft
- 39 Brush lightly
- 40 Forcefulness
- 44 Strict vegetarian
- 45 Wainscot
- 46 Minor crash
- 47 Current
- 50 Underground railway
- 52 Slender trunk
- 54 Intoxicated
- 57 Approaches
- 58 Thoughtful
- 59 Regrettably
- 60 Exaggerate
- 61 Partly frozen rain
- Down
- 1 Our Father (5,6)
- 2 Eyeshade
- 3 Fairly yielding
- 4 Incentive
- 5 Retiring
- 6 Bingo
- 7 Withered
- 8 Ambiguous language (6-4)
- 9 Overpower
- 10 Nags
- 15 Clasp
- 16 Two ducks in cricket
- 19 OPEC member
- 21 Making leather
- 23 Soldier's holdall
- 24 Refuse admission to
- 26 Resounding
- 28 Used a rink
- 31 Not married
- 33 Understanding
- 34 In large quantities
- 38 Observed
- 41 Apprehends
- 42 By heart; by ____
- 43 Thinning agents
- 44 Apparitions
- 48 Run through
- 49 Redacted
- 51 Lineage
- 53 Undertakings
- 55 Cutter
- 56 Stepped

Public Notices

Spring Open Day at the Queanbeyan Community Garden

Date: Saturday 11 October
Time: From 0930 - 1100 am

Location: Railway Park Organic Community Garden, Henderson Rd, Queanbeyan.

The Queanbeyan Sustainability Group (QSG) is a community not-for-profit organisation that manages the Queanbeyan Community Garden. We have 25 plots that members rent as well as common plots with fruit trees, herbs, veggies and berry canes that we share. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just curious about growing your own food, our Open Day is the perfect opportunity to get inspired and connect with the community. Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled morning in the garden.

Garden Tours: Discover the beauty and diversity of our garden plots. Maybe you might like to become a member of the Queanbeyan Sustainability Group (residents of the QPRC area are eligible for membership) or apply to rent a plot. We currently have two vacant plots available for rent.

Start growing at home: We will have some seedlings available (gold coin donations would be appreciated to fund our garden improvements).

Hear from an expert: Our guest speaker, Tom Baker, will be joining us at 10.30am to share his knowledge about good composting practices. Tom is a long-standing member of Queanbeyan Landcare, founding member of QSG, presenter on Radio Landcare weekly on Radio 2XX, and Canberra Open Gardens scheme volunteer.

Ask us a question: Learn about organic gardening, composting and healthy soil.

Refreshments: Enjoy a cuppa with gardening enthusiasts.

For your safety, please wear closed shoes when visiting the garden.

Parking is available at the Henderson Road Railway Park. The garden has a scooter/ wheelchair accessible track and toilet facilities are in the park.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Spring Open Day!

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/QBNSustainabilityGroup/>

Find out more on the QSG website at <https://qbysustainabilitygroup.wordpress.com/>

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Honeybrook Psychology specialises in supporting ADF veterans and their families in Queanbeyan and surrounding areas.

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Queanbeyan VIEW Club news

V. voice, I. Interest, E. education, of W. women

Our next luncheon meeting will be held on Thursday the 16th October - 12 for 12.30 at the Tourist Hotel, Monaro Street Queanbeyan.

The guest speaker will be Stephen Trump, from the Australian Red Cross..

Ladies are welcome to join us in fun and friendship and to support The Smith Family and Learning for Life students

RSVP to Sue by Sunday the 12th on 0448c427c237 or queanbeyanview@gmail.com

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Tarago Area Women's Shed Inc (TAWWS) will be holding their A G M on Thursday 6 November 2025 from 2.00pm @ Loaded Dog Hotel, Tarago.

Lunch beforehand from 12.30. Pls RSVP.

Taragoarea.womensshed@gmail.com

Bungendore Bridge Club

Bungendore School of Arts, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore
Wednesdays: 7.00-10.00pm
Saturdays: 10.00am-1.00pm

Contact: Angela McGill, President 0408 409 989 or Bobbie Gosper, Secretary on 0408 788 213



A New Community Group for Bungendore

The recently formed 'Bungendore Community Voice' has been established by a group of passionate residents dedicated to amplifying your voice in decisions that shape our town. The group will advocate for what matters most, ensure Bungendore's future reflects the wishes of its residents and engage with governments and external organisations.

We're aiming to act as a conduit for our many community groups, creating a space for dialogue, collaboration, and shared resources. The result? Smarter solutions, stronger networks, and a more resilient Bungendore.

We are modelling the group on the Braidwood Community Association who is our mentor. Our working group has representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, various council committees, business owners, community organisations and residents. We're in the process of drafting a constitution and plan to become incorporated.

This is your invitation to shape the association from the ground up. To be part of something that listens, connects, and stands for our diverse community. Become a committee member or volunteer.

Keep an eye out for our posters and information stalls. Take part in our residents' survey and help shape the direction of Bungendore Community Voice. Visit Bungendore Community Voice - Facebook Page or contact us at bungendorecommunityvoice@outlook.com.au

Jenny Dibley

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Bungendore Tigers RLFC. Monday 27 October 2025 at 6pm. The George Bar & Dining, Bungendore NSW.

All possitions are vacant, all are welcome.

Queanbeyan Community Choir

Everyone is welcome to come along and join this friendly group who sing a variety of songs. No experience required.

Where: Queanbeyan Leagues Club
Upstairs Meeting Room (Membership of QLC not required)
2:30-4:pm Saturdays

\$5:00 weekly attendance and \$5:00 yearly membership

Afternoon tea supplied. New members welcomed. For further enquiries emailayrrows@bigpond.com



Mayor's Column

The 2025 Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail kicked off in Braidwood and Captains Flat last weekend! Fourteen fantastic creatives shared their creations and workspaces across the long weekend. From quilters



to a one-man show, it was a strong start to our annual arts celebration. If you want to explore the studios and galleries of talented local artists across our region, there are still two weekends left for you to enjoy. Get along to Bungendore on 11 and 12 October and Queanbeyan on 18 and 19 October to support and learn more about our local arts community. Find out more about Arts Trail 2025 at treasuretrail.com.au/arts

I can't wait to see our community come together at our Diwali Mela Lantern Festival next Saturday 18 October. Whether you're trying new foods from our collection of stalls, watching excellent dance performances, or making your own lantern with Southern Tablelands Arts, there's something for everyone in the family to enjoy. Make sure to put your most fabulous outfit on to go in the running of our best-dressed competition too. The lantern parade will kick off at 8:30pm and everyone is invited to join in with your own battery-operated light or lantern. Find out more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/diwali

We have community meetings coming up next month and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to speak about the things that matter to you. These meetings aren't just a chance to meet your local representatives, they're a chance for you to share your priorities and ideas to make Queanbeyan-Palerang even better. We'll be in Braidwood on Tuesday 4 November at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club Auditorium from 6-8pm, Captains Flat on Thursday 6 November at Captains Flat Community Health Centre from 7-8pm, Bungendore on Wednesday 19 November at the Bungendore Community Centre from 6-8pm, Queanbeyan on Thursday 20 November at the WB Freebody Council Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre from 6-8pm, and Nerriga on Saturday 22 November at the Nerriga Community Hall from 10am-12pm. Find out more and register your attendance at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

We are holding tonight's Council meeting in Braidwood. Some of the items on this week's agenda include considering the renaming of the Ballalaba Bridge, a planning proposal to reclassify the land at 88 Wallace Street in Braidwood and considering the public feedback on concept designs, and naming of the Bungendore Community Centre. Find the meeting agenda and livestream link at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Target Time

Target: Average 12, Good - 15, Excellent - 20+

beet, belt, beret, betel, better, bettor, blot, blotter, bolt, bolter, bort, botel, bottle, bottler, exert, extol, extort, leet, letter, LETTERBOX, otter, rete, rote, telex, text, tore, tort, torte, tote, treble, tree, tret, trot.

Sudoku

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2	5	1	3	4	7	9	8	6
3	9	4	6	2	8	7	1	5
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7	8	5	9	1	2	6	4	3
1	4	2	7	3	6	5	9	8
6	1	9	4	8	5	3	2	7
4	7	8	2	6	3	1	5	9
5	2	3	1	7	9	8	6	4

Puzzle Solutions

Quick Time Crossword

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Crossword

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Classifieds

Local Markets

Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market
Third Sat of each month (except July & August) 9am to 12. Community Hall and grounds, Bingley Way, Wamboin. Contact Meriel Schultz 0422 614 304

Captains Flat Country Markets
1st Sat of the month, 9.30am-1.30pm, in the Community Hall, Foxlow Street, Captains Flat. Enquiries to communityassociation@captainsflat.org

the market @ bungendore
9am-3pm, Bungendore Memorial Hall. Note: Every 2nd SUNDAY of every EVEN month. www.themarketatbungendore.com

Braidwood Ryrie Park Markets
Fourth Saturday of every month, at the park in Braidwood. Contact Cathy: 0418 262 011 Sarah: 0417 468 686

Southern Harvest Farmers Markets - Weekly on Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm, 23 Malbon St, Bungendore (Village Square) Contact: markets.southernharvest.org.au

Queanbeyan MarketsQbn Showground,
Thirld Sunday of every month. 9am to 1pm. For more info call 0419 848 786 or thequeanbeyanmarket@gmail.com

Sutton Village Country Markets
Second Sunday of the Month, 9am until 1:30pm, Sutton Oval (Cnr Victoria & Camp Streets) Contact@ SuttonVillageCountryMarkets.com.au

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BUNGENDORE SENIORS

Next get together will be Thursday 9 October, at the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building \$5.00 per person. ALL OVER 55's WELCOME

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Friday 12.30pm-4.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm. Monday 7am-12noon
Bungendore buy back centre: Saturday 10am-4pm
Bywong waste transfer station:
Friday 2pm-4.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm Monday 7am-11am
Captains Flat waste transfer station:
Saturday and Sunday 9am-3pm (gates close at 2.45pm)
Monday 9am-2pm
Braidwood waste transfer station
Fri, Sat Sun & Mon - 10am to 4.30pm
Monday - 1pm to 4pm
Braidwood buy back centre: Sunday 10am-4pm

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Orders must be completed by C.O. B Thursday 26th October 2025.
Mangoes will arrive in Bungendore in early December and must be collected from the Bungendore Scout Hall.
For further information contact Penny on 0401 819 277.
Money raised will be used to assist Venturer scouts to go to the New Zealand Venture in January 2026.

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 www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/arli-and-suzi		 www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/dozer Dozer is a senior pet (approx 10 yrs). He's been in the Shelter since 6 Mar. He's currently the longest serving "inmate". He'd really, really love to find a forever family.	

All dogs available for Adoption: www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/adopt
Every dog deserves a loving safe forever home

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If you are interested in an animal, please apply via their Pet Rescue link. The Shelter staff will review applications and phone selected applicants for a meet and greet.

Bungendore Falcons Wrap Up Another Memorable Soccer Season

**N. Frawley (BUFC parent)
L. Murray (VP)**

Another year is done and dusted for the Bungendore United F.C, which once again brought the community together through foggy mornings, frosty fields, and the warmth of grassroots football.

The Falcon's season began in the depths of winter, but the weather never deterred the club's growing player base. Week after week, children turned up with enthusiasm – some lacing up boots for the first time simply for fun, and others dreaming of one day pulling on the green and gold of the Matildas or Socceroos.

Season Highlights

A key highlight of the season was Sponsors Day, where players enjoyed not only their matches but also a range of extra activities that made the day special for families and supporters. The canteen proved to be another cornerstone of the club, with its egg-and-bacon rolls becoming the warming delight that carried players, parents, and volunteers through many chilly mornings. The upcoming Annual General Meeting on 18th October will be a crucial chance to bring new board representatives on board, ensuring the workload is shared.

Behind the scenes, the Falcons are supported by a small but mighty committee of volunteers whose mandate is to ensure the club thrives for future generations. With the club expanding rapidly, however, fresh faces are needed.

The canteen – the club's biggest fundraising effort – will also need new managers in 2026, with much-loved

stalwarts Kirsten Hann and Danielle Gunning stepping aside after years of tireless service. After several years' service, BUFC's 'King of the Tongs' – Paul Gunning, also finds it's time to pass the baton onto a new BBQ extraordinaire. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work," and the Falcons are calling for all who can contribute their time, skills, or support to step forward.

Presentation Day Celebration

The season concluded with a vibrant Presentation Day on Saturday, 20 September, hosted at Bungendore Public School Hall. The event was a celebration of the club's growth and community spirit, featuring recognition of coaches, committee members, and volunteers. Club Secretary - Nat Murray engaged the crowd with ease as MC adding anecdotes from across the season whilst bringing a high level of professionalism to proceedings. The ever cheerful, Felicity Lynch, dished out the fun factor and charmed the audience with her creative ukulele serenade and poetic performance in honour of her fellow committee members. Amongst the standouts was the mighty Lisa Murray, honoured for her tireless dedication and fearless commitment to the club who received the highest commendation as 'Club Person of the Year'.

Children were each presented with medallions, before celebrations continued with face painting, giant Jenga, block-building games, and a lively disco. The Rotary Club of Bungendore once again rolled up their sleeves to serve sausage

sandwiches, while families were treated to ice cream from Mellabella Gelato, sweets from Elliereva, colourful cupcakes, coffee from Kay's Coffee, and the excitement of several jumping castles provided by Canberra Activity Hire. It was a great day out for all! The end-of-season wrap up is becoming a real stand out social event for BUFC and is testament to the committee's efforts towards community engagement and boosting club culture.

A major thanks was also extended to the Falcons' dedicated coaches, who put together engaging training plans, set up fields on cold early mornings, and travelled across the region to ensure every player had the opportunity to learn, grow and enjoy the game. Their efforts are at the heart of the club's success and were warmly recognised by players and parents alike.

Parents also reflected on what the club means to them. One local parent shared, "We feel so grateful to have such a thriving sporting club here in Bungendore. Watching Henley run around with his friends and try something new has been a highlight of our year."

Community Football Recognition - Spirit of the Game Awards

As part of the Community Football recognition, Spirit of the Game Awards were presented to players who consistently demonstrated sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination. This year's honours across U4's - U9s went to: Remi, Piper, Bonnie, Toby, Isaac, Ryan, Lilah, Isabelle, Levi, Logan, Lenny, Eloise and Chase.



Capital Football Awards

The celebrations also included the announcement of the Capital Football Awards, acknowledging players across several age groups for their outstanding performances during the season. In the Under 10s, Cameron was named Players' Player, Ted took out

Most Improved, and Oliver was recognised as Best and Fairest.

In the Under 11s, Players' Player was awarded to Murray, with Bianca and Lachlan sharing the Most Improved honours. Best and Fairest went to Rory.

The Under 13s saw Samuel receive the Players' Player award, Taylah named Most Improved, and Logan crowned Best and Fairest.

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Looking Ahead

The Falcons' 2025 season was more than just football – it was about resilience, community, and joy. With the club set to continue its growth, the call is out for more hands to join in shaping its future. Current and new members are welcome to attend BUFC's upcoming AGM on Saturday 18th October - 3pm, at Bungendore Bowling and Sports Club.

With thanks to the steadfast efforts of the Falcon's 2025 Committee:

- Darcy Green (P), Lisa Murray (VP), Nat Murray (S), Beau Beckman (Treasurer), Lisa Eldridge (Capital Football Coordinator), Rob Carter (Field Coordinator), Danielle Gunning (Canteen Manager), Kirsten Hann (Canteen Manager), Paul Gunning (Canteen Assistant/BBQ), Treena White (Uniforms), Felicity Lynch (Sponsorship & Promotions), Meg Warner (Sponsorship), Mark Roberts (Safety Officer), Tegan Honing (Events) and Melissa Webb (Canteen)

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Sport

Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club takes home major award at Tennis ACT 2025 Awards

Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club
The Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club has capped off a stellar 18 months with well-deserved recognition at the Tennis ACT 2025 Awards, taking home the award of the night—Most Outstanding Tennis Club or Venue in the ACT and region.

“This is a win not just for the club, but for the whole Queanbeyan community,” said Club President Wendy Grant. “We’re incredibly proud of what our club committee and team of volunteers have achieved over the last 12 months. We are also very grateful to Beyond Bank for their ongoing support for tennis in the region and who generously sponsored the 2025 Most Outstanding Tennis Club award.”

The award recognition comes as the club continues to grow, with membership numbers increasing, with the resurfacing of the club’s Waniassa St venue and the introduction of pickleball. The complementary sport of pickleball has attracted new players, members and competition. It has been great to see this community asset come to life with all ages and abilities trying and playing pickleball as well as tennis at this venue.

The club is now in the running for the Most Outstanding Tennis Club or Venue at the national Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards, to be held later this year.

The community momentum continues for the club as it celebrates 140 years of tennis at the Queanbeyan Park this year. The club is hosting two big events this month.

Community Open Day - Saturday 11 October 2:00-4:00pm, Campbell St Queanbeyan

The club’s Community Open Day will offer locals of all ages a chance to try their hand at tennis, meet club members, and enjoy free social activities. Volunteers and coaches from Parkside Tennis Academy will be on hand to guide beginners through fun activities.

“This is a great chance for families and curious locals to come see what the club is all about,” said Wendy. “Whether you’ve never picked up a racquet or you’re looking to get back into tennis, we’d love to welcome you.”



Members and Friends Celebration Day - Sunday 12 October, all day, Campbell St Queanbeyan

The following day is all about celebrating the club’s history and spirit with the Members and Friends Celebration. Highlights include junior and adults doubles competitions, BBQ lunch, best dressed in tennis fashion and

wooden racquet rallies. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day for standout outfits and rally skills, with a strong nostalgic theme connecting the club’s proud past with its exciting future.

“It’s going to be a fun and relaxed day—perfect for reconnecting with fellow members and old (and not so old) friends of the club, and celebrating our shared love of tennis,” said Wendy.

Guests for the Members and Friends event, are asked to RSVP to the club at tennisqueanbeyan@gmail.com

More information on both events is available on the club’s website: Clubspark / Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club / Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club - Suburb | Tennis Australia/Coaching/disability friendly access/social

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